

K. England
1603
AN
ANSWER
VNTO THE
CATHOLIQVES
SVPPPLICATION, PRE-
SENTED VNTO THE KINGS

Maiestie, for a tolleration of Popish
religion in England.

WHEREIN IS CONTAINED A
confutation of their vnreasonable petitions, and
flaundersous lyes against our late Soueraigne Queene
Elizabeth, whose happie and gracious gouernement,
the Papists in their said supplication do so po-
temptorie traduce.

Together with an information vnto his Maiestie of di-
uers their wicked and treasonable practises, attempted in
the life time of our late Queene his worthy predecessor,
whose life they alwayes sought meanes
to extinguish.

Wherevnto is annexed the Supplication of the Pa-
pists, word for word as it was presented vnto the
Kings Maiestie: With some necessarie an-
notations thereupon.

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signe of the *White-Lyon*. 1603.



TO THE MOST GRACIOUS renoumed Christian King;

JAMES by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the true Catholique and Apostolique faith: All diuine, and celestially graces, mercies, and blessings, be multiplied from generation to generation, for euermore, Amen.



ost Gracious, and renoumed Christian King, whereas the Papists, (who vsurpe the name of Catholiques) hauing posted vnto your Maiestie, to exhibite vnto your royall person a Supplication full of vntruths: I one of the meanest of your Maiesties most humble and loyall subiects, mooued with zeale of the holy and vndoubted true religion, now professed in England, haue thought it not inconuenient (with your Graces fauour, which I humbly craue) to answer the chiefe and most materiall points of

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the saide supplication, because it tendeth to the greuous slander of our late deceased Soueraigne Queene *Elizabeth*, and also of the noble and worshipfull personages of this your Graces Realme of *England*; and the rather, because I heare that some favorites of the Romane religion, doe so highly extoll and aduance the learned and eloquent penning of the same, and the imaginary validity and force thereof, that they vaunt that it cannot be contradicted, yet doubt I not but that the plaine verity of this short aunswere will bee of sufficient force to daunt their expectations, and to bewray their vntruthes, to their deserued discredit. The saide Supplication consisteth of seuen seuerall partes, as by persuall thereof may appeare.

1. The first part is their *exordium*, wherein they pretend *saith and dutifull obedience, and loyalty vnto your Maiestie*, the which protestation I pray God they may effect in verity, in as effectuall & ample manner as they haue in flourishing and glosing shew of wordes professed the same. But I commit that to God who searcheth the harts and reynes, time tries all things: *nil fictum diuturnum esse potest.*

2. In the second part they doe complaine that they were *ouerwhelmed with greuous persecutions, by the severity of our late deceased Queene*: We doe not a little maruell that they blushed not to informe your Grace with so manyfest vntruthes, if

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if they supposed (as they in wordes pretend) that God hath blessed you with a wise and understanding hart, rightly to discern betwene truth and falsehood: For I dare boldly affirme that they cannot prooue that any one receiued the sentence of death onely for professing the Romish religion, except treason were thereunto also annexed: And if it may please your most gracious Maiesty to waigh in equall ballance the persecutions (to vse their owne wordes) they suffered either by imprisonment or fining by the purse, (wherewith very few in comparison were touched) your highnesse shall vnderstand that their owne wilfull obstinacie, and not the Queenes Maiesties seuerity vrged the same; for whensoever it pleased them to resort to their parish churches vnto diuine praiers, they had present releasement both of their imprisonment and also of their fines and fees: But seeing that their vniust exclamations inforce me to call to fresh remembrance the most sauage and brutish dealings of the Papists in Queene *Maries* daies, how they then dominered your highnes cannot beignorant, how vnmercifull they did torment vnto death the faithfull seruants and Saints of God, for professing the glorious Gospell of our redeemer Christ Iesus? Some they tormented with most sharpe and long imprisonment; some they whipped with roddes, some they secretly murdered in prison, but the greatest and generall number were sacryficed

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in the fire, in which kinde of torment they spared none, no not any degrees of persons, not so much as women great with childe, but tormented them to death, even when the children did fall out of the mothers wombes into the fire, in the view of the Papists, who being past shame and grace, nothing regarded it. Yea such was their raging madnesse, that they digged vp the dead bones of those two godly and learned fathers *Martin Bucer*, and *Paulus Phagius*, and buried them in *Cambridge*: It is manifest vnto the world, that the Papists tortured to death, as graue, as wise, as vertuous, and as learned, and Catholike fathers, as *Europe* affordeth: The records of these things are so manifest, so true, and so fresh in memorie (of many yet liuing) that they cannot bee contradicted. But to returne to our late deceased *Queene*, whereas the Papists doe vniustly charge her, that she was *A grieuous persecutor of them*, their assertion consisteth of contrarieties, for after the death of her brother King *Edward*, they vndelayedly persecuted her Grace: in the dayes of *Queene Mary*, they tossed her from prison to prison, threatening her with continuall death, so that she dayly expected the Axe to seuer her sacred head from her Princelie shoulders: and once a precept was giuen for the executing thereof, to the Lieutenant of the Towre, by the treacherous dealing of one of the Popes minions (then bearing great sway in *England*;) in so much that if the Lieutenant of the

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Tower had not himselfe presently posted vnto the Court vnto the Queene her sister, to vnderstand certainly her pleasure therein, she had dyed before the Queene had beene acquainted therewith. But in processe of time, shee by Gods providence beeing freed from that danger, and her selfe enioying the royall Crowne, Scepter, and dignitie of the Realme: did not the Pope deale with her as his predecessour did in former time deale with King *Iohn*: By his cursed Bull he cursed and excommunicated the aforesaid King, & interdicted the whole realme: So that for diuers yeares none were suffered to be Christianly buried: he charged all his subiects that none of them should releue, helpe, or succour him by any meanes, eyther directly or indirectly, vpon paine of his curse: so that the rebellion of his nobles was so great that of force (to procure his peace) he was constrained to resigne both the kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland* into the Popes hands, and did take it againe of the Pope by fee farme, paying one thousand markes yearly for the same. And euen the like he practised against our late Soueraigne Queene *Elizabeth*: But the sacred word of God had taught her subiects a better lesson of fidelity, & loialty to their Prince, then to regard his vaine and wicked Bull which by his agents he caused to be hanged vpon the *Bishop* of London his gate. After this he instigated a mighty Prince (who is now dead and gone) to attempt his pretended inuincible

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cible inuasion, and with his manyfold forces vterlye to subuerthe the flourishing state of this Realme, and to extirpate (if it had beene possible) the true worship of God. Moreouer also the Pope instigated *Parry, Babington, & Lopez*, and diuers others their confederates to conspire the Queenes vntimely death, he sent also his cursed brood of Iesuites and Seminaries (the firebrands of sedition in all kingdomes) to induce her subiectes to rebellion: whereunto also the Pope (their vnholie father) added his yearely curse at *Rome* with booke, bell, and candle: hereby may you plainly see and perceiue, that the Pope and Papistes which pretend to be (but indeede desire rather to make) Martyrs, did continually persecute her Maiesty and sought all the meanes that they possibly could to procure her vntimely death, yet shame they not to crye with open mouthes vnto your Maiesty that they were persecuted. As for our Queene, the only, omnipotent, wise, and al seeing God, preserved her from all their bloody practises, and gaue vnto her an happy, ioyfull, & peaceable end, to his glory, her owne and our comforts, and to their vnspakeable griefe and sorrow.

3. In the third part, this generation of vipers relate vnto the world their owne wicked and treacherous endeauors to induce some, to some now lining, to aspire vnto the royall dignity of this kingdome. O cursed Parasites and falsharted Papists, cannot you be solliciters of mischief, but you must needs brag

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brag thereof, it argueth that discord and rebellion are the chiefest vertues (if I may so say) of your new and false Catholique Romish religion. But most gracious King, let vs praise and glorifie God, who hath so directed your godly proceedings by his holy spirit, and hath also giuen you wisdom & fortitude to rely vpon his diuine prouidence, who worketh all things for the best, to them that serue & loue him. And that it hath now pleased God to crowne your royal head with the crownes of these kingdoms of *England, France & Ireland*, it cānot be any wise imputed vnto the Papistes, for they were (like traitors) wholly bent another way, vntill they perceiued that their designs were in vaine, & their hopes frustrate. For no sooner had it pleased God to cal vnto his mercie our gracious Queene (who at & before her death resigned vnto your highnes, as vnto whō of right it appertained, the royal scepter of al her dominions) but that once her, now your most faithfull nobles, caused your rightful title vnto al her kingdōs, to be by open proclamation published vnto the world, the vndoubted trueth of which your royal & lineal dissēt, together with the spirit of God working in their hartes to acknowledge the same, hath so vnited the hartes & mindes of al the nobility, clergy, and comminalty of this land, that al (the Papistes excepted) doe ioy to behold your royall face, and are ready to serue, honour, and obaye you, with their bodies and goodes euen vnto death. The Lord blesse and preferue you from the practises and conspiracies

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of the wicked Romanists (for surely they hate you in their heartes because you professe the Gospell of Christ as your predeceffour Queene *Elizabeth* did) who if (notwithstanding their flourishing shewe of words) their wicked and desired expectations had bin effected, when the general inuasion of this land was intended (your Maiesty knoweth by whō) neuer had your Grace inioyed the scepter of these kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*, yea hardly (if they could haue effected the contrary) should you haue reteyned the kingdome of *Scotland*, which then (and now also God be thanked) you possesse, quietly.

4. In the fourth part they doe greenously complaine of two euils that doe vexeth their hartes: The first is, that this Realme of *England* is deuided into foure religions, so wit, protestants, Papists, Puritans, & Athists, ouer al which the Protestantes did domineere al the raigne of our late disceased Queene: Thus much we do truly, to the glory of God confesse, that all such as did professe the sacred Scriptures, were protected first and principallie by God, next by her Maiesty as an instrument from God, against the tyranny of the Pope, and all bloud-thirsty Papists: and that the Barrowistes (who may most iustly of al other among vs be termed Puritanes) as Iesuites which are the Popish Puritanes amongst them, & all Pharisaicall Iusticiars, together with all turbulent Athists, (if any such be) which haue sprong vp in this flourishing time of the Gospell as euil weeds amongst

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amongst good Corne, haue beene continually repelled by the preaching of the Gospell, by the wise aduised and faithfull ministers, and dispensers thereof in this kingdome. And we are fully assured that the saide religion is so firmly established and founded vpon the sacred Scriptures, yea euen vpon Christ Iesus that sure rocke, and is so mightilie defended with the two-edged sword that proceedeth from the mouth of God, which is able to cast downe strong holdes, and euery high thing that shall exalt it selfe against God and his true Church: that the gates of hell (that is to say, the Diuell himselfe, nor cursed Pope, turke, heretique, Infidel, Papist or Athiest) shal neuer be able to preuaile there-against so long as the worlde endureth. The second thing they complaine of is, that *warres and bloodshedde haue seldome ceased, Taskes and Subsidies neuer so many, discontented mindes innumerable.* Beholde the children of the Diuell cannot but lye, for their father the Diuell hath beene a lyar from the beginning: How iniuriously doe they charge that blessed buried corpes whose spirite is in glory, with these vntruthes? did not euery man sit vnder his owne Vine, and eate the labours of his handes quietly, and peaceably without molestation, fortie and foure yeares and better to the great admiration of the worlde? * If it please

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of the preface prefixed before the booke of instructions to his sonne. The words are these. But notwithstanding since there is a lawfull Queene there presently reigning who hath so long, with so great wisdom and felicity governed her kindoms, as (I must in true sincerity confesse) the like hath not bin red nor hard of either in our time, or since the dayes of the Romane Emperour Augustus, &c.

* See the Kings own testimony of her Majesty in the latter end

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your gracious Maiestye to peruse the Chronicles, you shall finde, that no King nor Queene before her time hath euer gouerned this realme in so godly peace and Christian vnitie, so long time protecting it most miraculouſly against the tyrannie of the Pope, and all other forraine and domesti-call enemies. Moreouer, her Maiestie hath beene a nourishing mother, and a louing Neighbour vnto diuers Princes, countries and states about her (as their consciences can witnesse) and their ingratitude cannot but acknowledge, if not requite, and gratiouſly protected she the distressed people from the bloudie tyrannie of their implacable, insolent, and cruell enemies. Yet hath she resigned her Kingdomes vnto your Gracious Maiestie in such state as your owne eyes doe now and long may behold, and the world doth admire. And no doubt, but as the Protestants haue beene faithfull vnto her, so will they also be vnto your Maiestie: wherefore let all faithfull Christians, extoll, praise and magnifie, the omnipotent and onely wise God, who hath waged his battels by hir hand, being (in the respect of her sex) a poore Grasshopper (in mans iudgement) against all the enemies of his sacred Church, as he waged battell against *Pharao* and all his hoast, with an armie of Grasshoppers: And therefore let the Papists cease to publish so great vntrueth, redounding vnto their owne perpetuall shame and discredit for euer.

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vnto your Grace, that they may obtaine freedom to
vse the Romish religion freely without molestatiō, though
not openly, yet secretly, alledging two reasons: the first is,
that because they be restrained of that libertie your
kingdomes is abhorred of all kingdomes that professe
the Romish Religion. The second reason is, that it
would be a toyfull thing to all the said Kingdomes,
to graunt them their said sutes. And to the end to
induce your Grace to graunt their requests, they
alledge two arguments. The first is, that the now
French King yeelding to the Papists to secure the vse of
the Romish religion, they honored him with these vine-
rable titles, *Pater patria, et pacis restitutor*. If it be
true that he now deserueth these honorable titles,
why then since that time hath not that honorable
King been freed from the dangerous conspiracie
of the Papists, who haue diuers times since sought
to murder him? If it please your renowned Maie-
stie to peruse the trecheries of the Papists, you shal
find that they haue greater murdering harts then
curled *Caine*, who murdered his own brother. For
to omitte the many and continuall treasons and
conspiracies of the Papists against our disceaied
Queene, did not a gracelesse Monke poison King
John? did not a curled Friar of *France* murder with
a poysoned Pen-knife the last disceaied French
King? did not the Bishops, Monkes, Friars & Iesu-
ites of *Spaine*, cause the kings eldest sonne of *Spaine*
to be murdered, in letting him blood? did not the
Papists of *France* vrge the King of *France* to comit

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a tragicall Butcherly massacre at *Paris*, in poysoning the Queene of *Nauarre*, and in a brutish butcherly order to murder the most part of the peerelesse Nobilitie in *France*, their wiues and children, with a great number of the common people in diuerse parts of his realme : So that in one yeare by one meanes and others, they did massacre a hundred thousand, as by their owne histories it doth appeare. But why should I stay vpon recitall of particularities? doth not the bloudie Inquisition at this day testifie, that this tyrannie is still continued in *Spaine*, in *Rome*, and amongst other their confederates? Beholde the fruites of the professors of the Romish Religion.

The second argument is drawne from the *graine and wise counsell of Salomons Counsellors vnto Roboham* (*si loquaris eis bona verba, &c.*) This Text is as rightly alledged, as the deuill alledged the Scripture vnto our Sauour Iesus Christ, when he tempted him : for there was no request made vnto *Roboham* as concerning religion, but onely for a mitigation of greuous exactions. And the Counsell of *Salomons* counsellors in that behalfe, was both wise, right, and good.

But in causes of religion, O most renowned King, let the sacred Scripture be your direction, and preferre them before and aboue all worldly policie, royalties, dignities, and honours whatsoever : for therein consisteth your true honor, your true wisdom, your true authoritie, and royall dignitie.

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dignitie. *Moses* teacheth from the mouth of God, Deutero:
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chapter &
6. verse. that if thy brother the sonne of thy mother, or thy owne sonne, or the daughter of thy wife that lieth in thy bosome, or thy friend that is as thy soule, shal intise thee secretly, saying, *Let vs go serue other gods*: thou shalt not consent to him, nor heare him, neither shall thy eye pittie him, nor shew mercie, nor keepe him secret: but thou shalt kill him, thy hand shall bee first vpon him to put him to death. And our Sauour Iesus Christ hath assured vs, that if we confesse him before men, he will confesse vs before his heavenly Father. And if we denie him before men, he will denie vs before his heavenly father. And whosoever loueth Father or Mother, brother or sister, wife or children, or any worldly honour, riches, dignitie, or regalitie, more then him, is not worthy of him: for we cannot serue two Maisters, for we shall rather loue the one and hate the other, or els we shall hate the one and loue the other. And to this effect serueth the perswasion of *Elisa* vnto the *Israelites*, *If God be God, serue him, &c.* Therefore let the feare of God and his sacred word, be your direction; Let it bee a Lanthorne to your feete, and a light vnto your pathes, that God may bee with you and blesse you in all your actions. And then (as the Apostle saith) *If God bee on your side, who can bee against you?* But if God be against you, who can bee with you? For most gracious King, if all the Kings and Potentates in the world

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did loue, fauour, and honour you, what is it to the purpose if God be against you : And therefore the Lord blesse you with his grace and holy spirite, that no worldly thing may seperate you from the loue of God, which is in Christ Iesu our Lord, Amen.

6. In the sixth part they imploy their wits to perswade your most gracious Maiesty, that their religion is venerable for antiquity, constant for continuance, irreprehensible for doctrine, inducing to all vertue and piety, maintained by the first Christian Emperors, sealed with the blood of millions of Martyrs, &c. we do not a little maruel that they be not ashamed to auouch so great vntruthes. But it is truly saide (*amisso pudore omnis virtus ruit*) for if their ascertions were true, why hath one Pope caused the dead corpes of his predecessor to be digged out of his graue and to bee dismembred, and haue condemned him for an heretique, and all his workes for heresie? And the next successor hath ratified the first dismembred Pope to be good and Catholique, and all his workes Catholique : wee must needes be here in a Labyrinth, not knowing how to iudge which is the Catholique Pope : the condemnor, or the condemned, haue not some Popes beene condemned and deprived by generall counsels? hath there not beene two Popes at once, and sometimes three, and euery one hath cursed other, and ex-

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communicated others, and fought bloody battelles one against another, to the disturbance of all Christendome, and the shedding of the blood of many thousand Christians? And hee that was the valiantest tyrant, was the most religious Pope. But to let them passe, let vs remember *Constantine* the Emperour, who first indowed the Pope with stately reuenues: But in his dayes where was their holy bread, and holy water? where were their pardons of free remission of sinnes, both veniall and deadly? (soulde now for money throughout Christendome to redeeme soules out of purgatory) where was their Ladyes Chappell, their Ladyes Masses, their pilgrimages to Saint *James* of Compostella, &c? Where was their praying to Saintes? Where was their dyabollicall authority to depriue Kings and Emperours of their kingdomes, and to dispose of them at their free will and pleasure? Where was the supremacie of the Pope vniuersally ouer all Realmes, Kings, and Emperours, and ouer all degrees of persons spirituall and temporall? but it hath beene since great honour for an Emperour to leade the Popes horse by the bridle, and for a King to hould his stirrope, yea for an Emperour to be a foote-stoole to the Pope to treade on when hee went vpon his horse: This Luciferian pride was not heard off

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in *Constantines* time, nor long since: and as for the religion that was professed in those dayes and long before *Constantines* time, it was the same religion that we in England doe now professe. And it is for certaine that the Heathenish and Infidell Emperours, both long before *Constantines* dayes, and long since, did persecutē the now professed religion in England, and that it was sealed with the blood of many Martyrs, adorned with the vertues of many thousand confessors, beautified with the blood of the pure and Immaculate virgins: neither were the Bishops of Rome in those dayes, freed from the said persecutions. But when Infidell Emperours by Gods diuine prouidence sealed their tyranny; Then the Luciferian Popes by degrees and steps climbing the highest stasse of the ladder of pride, did so farre exceed in haughtinesse of hart, insolencie and tyranny, that they first did shake off the lawfull authority of Emperours in the electing and admitting the Pope, and then presently after, they did domineere and tyrannise ouer Emperours, Kings, and all degrees of persons spirituall and temporall, so that it is to be doubted whether the heathenish Emperours in their time, or the irreligious Popes in their time haue persecuted and tormented to death the greater number of faithfull Christians and the Saints of God. It is superfluous to rehearse the stories of these things, seeing they be recorded in all Ecclesiasticall Histories, and in the Chronicles of all king-

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kingdomes: And we are perswaded that your grace hath both seene and read the Historie of these bloudy tragedies: But of late time the Pope hath beene well plumed of his borrowed fethers, and his Luciferian pride somewhat depressed: Yet, if the Papists will so be content, we will ioyne with them to procure that severall and free counsell may beheld in Christendome, whereunto both Papistes and Protestantes may freely repaire, that thereby the Church of Christ may haue peace, and the ignorant may be confirmed in the true faith: and to this purpose hath one of our learned Divines offered himselfe to dispute with any Papists whosoeuer (and many other will doe the like) so that his person may be secured from perill. This I pray God that it may be effected, and that he that is the true God may be worshipped of all, and that Baal may be vntely forgotten, that all Christian kingdomes agreeing in true doctrine and sincere truth may ioyntly acknowledge one verity, one faith, one baptisme, one religion, and one onely God in Trinity, and Trinitie in Vnity, the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost, Amen.

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7. In the seauenth and last part they make a sollemne professiō before God & his holy Angels, of as loyall, as obedient, and immaculate allegiance to your Grace, as euer did faithfull subiects in Scotland or England vnto your progenitors, and intend sincerely and truly with goods and liues to serue your Grace for

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confirmation whereof they confesse merite in obeying, and demerite in disobeying, and therefore cannot but in soule be greivously tormented for the least preuarication: This protestation is indeede with a flourishing shew of good wordes, let the fruites of their obediences trye the veritye thereof: where was the fruites of their obediences in the dayes of their annointed Queene now deceased that they may haue merite for it? These Romanists haue sugered wordes, but their harts be full of deadly poyson, for although they be a generation of vipers, yet they can change their shape into an Angel of light, to deceiue the very elect, if it were possible. The world can testifie that the manyfoulde treasons and conspiracies of the Papists, were sufficient testimonies of their demerit: And if they must needs be tormented in soule & conscience for their least preuarication, needs must thousands of their soules & consciences be tormeted for their many treasons & conspiracies, against their late annointed Queene now deceased. But whatsoeuer they professe in wordes, it is impossible so long as they professe the Romish religion to bee faithful subiects vnto your grace, for this is a maxime in the mindes of most papists, *fides non est seruanda cum hereticis*, and we are sure that the Pope hath censured al Protestant Princes for heretiques, and their religion for heresie: Therefore whatsoeuer they professe in wordes, they cannot serue God and the deuill, neither can they truly serue and obey

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obaye you and the Pope: (Two so great contrarieties cannot concur in one subiect) And thus I conclude, praying to God (as our bounden dutie requireth) that of his great goodnesse, he will vouchsafe to blesse, preferue, and defend your royall maiesty, our noble Queene, and all your Princely Children, from all your enimies both forraine and domesticall, spirituall and temporall, and from the treasons and conspiracies of all Romanists: That your sacred Maiestie and your posterity, may liue and raigne ouer vs in the feare of God, and to his honour and glory, in regall dignity, happy prosperity, godlie peace and vnity, and that after this life, you may haue celestiaall felicitie in the life to come for euermore, *Amen.*

*Your Maiesties most humble
and dutifull subiect*

CHRISTOPHER
MVRIEL, Senior.

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I conclude, saying to God (as our bounden
duty) that of his great goodness he will
vouchsafe to bestow, preserve, and defend your
royal majesty, our noble Queen and all your
Beloved Children, from all your enemies both
foreign and domesticall, spiritual and tempo-
rall, and from the treasons and conspiracies of all
Mortall men: that your sacred Majesty and your
royal majesty may live and reign over us in the
honour of God, and to his honour and glory in re-
gall dignity, happy prosperity, godly peace
and unity, now and ever, this life, you
may have celestiall felicitie in
the life to come for ever.
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Your Majesty's most humble
and faithful servant

CHRISTOPHER
MARIEL, Senior.



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*Most puissant Prince, and orient
Monarch,*



Vch are the rare perfections and 1.
admirable gifts of wisedome,
prudence, valour and iustice,
wherewith the bountifull hand
of Gods diuine Maiestie hath
endued your Maiestie, as in the
depth of your prouident iudge-
ment, we doubt not but you foresee what concer-
neth both the spirituall and temporall gouerne-
ment of all your kingdoms & dominions. 2. Not-
withstanding your Graces most afflicted subiects
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land, partly to preuent sinister informations, which
happily may possesse your sacred eares, before our
answere bee heard, partly almost as men ouer-
whelmed with ^b persecutions for our conscien-
ces, wee are enforced to haue speedie recourse in
hope of present redresse from your Highnesse, and
to present these humble lines vnto your royall per-
son to pleade for vs some ^c commiseration and
D fauour.

^a I pray
God that
your Maie-
stie neuer
stand in
need of
their ser-
uice.
^b Neuer
well but
when their
heads are
hatching
rebellion.
^c As you
deserue, so
I pray God
you may
haue.

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d Nay, what desperate and unnatural designements will they not, to their power, at the Popes commandment attempt against the? for they hold it a matter of great merit at the Popes commandment to kill and murder their lawfull Princes. See Parry his Treasons, Squire his treasons: Like wise Peter Barriett, and John Cha-
pt. II. their

desperate attempts against the French King Iesuites Catechisme 4. booke, page 148. 155. e. Buse fellows that would take in hand such treasonable actions before they had acquainted the partie for whom they undertooke them the. c. with Iesuites Catechisme 3. booke, page 138. f. Happie is that countie, that is rid of them, for it is better have their come then their companie. 18. His Majestie in publique Print acknowledgeth (and ever did) that Queene ELIZABETH was lawfull Queene, and therefore must those that so offered themselves, by the Kings owne title, be traitors.

fauour. 3. What d allegiance or dutie can any temporall Prince desire or expect at his vassals hands, which we are not addressed to performe? How many Noble-men and worthy Gentlemen, most zealous in the Catholike Religion, haue endured some losse of lands and liuings, some exile, others imprisonment, some the effusion of blood & life for the e aduancement of your blessed Mothers right vnto the scepter of Albion? Nay, whose finger did euer ake, but Catholikes, for your Maiesties present title & dominion? How many f fled to your Court offering themselves as hostages for their friends, to liue & die in your Graces & quarrel, if euer Aduersarie had opposed himself against the equitie of your cause? If this they attempted with their Princes disgrace, to obtaine your Maiesties grace; what will they do? nay, what wil they not do, to liue without disgrace in your Graces fauour? 4. The maine of this Realme, if we respect Religion (setting partie sects aside) consisteth vpon foure parts: Protestants, who haue dominiered all the former Queenes dayes: Puritanes, who haue crept vp apace among them: Atheists or Politicians, who were bred vpon their brawles and contentions

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tentions in matters of faith : And Catholikes, who as they are opposite to all, so are they detested of all, because Errour was euer an enemy to Truth. Hardly all, or any of the ^h first, two, three can be ^h suppressed : and therefore we beseech your Ma-^hiestie to yeeld vs as much fauour, as others of con-^htrarie religion (to that which shall bee publicly seignes professed in England) shall obtaine at your hands. For if our fault be like, or lesse, or none at all ; in ^h equitie, our punishment ought to bee like, or ^h lesse, or none at all. The Gates, Arches, and Pyra-^hmides of France proclaimed the present King *Pa-*^h*ter patriæ & pacis restitutor*, because that kingdome being well nigh torne in pieces with ciuill warres, and made a pray to forraine foes, was by his pro-^huident wisdome and valour acquitted in it selfe, and hostile strangers expelled ; the which he prin-^hcipally effected by condescending to ^h tolerate them of an aduerse religion, to that was openly ^h professed. Questionlesse, dread Soueraigne, the ^h kingdome of England, by cruell persecution of ^h Catholikes, hath been almost odious to all Christi-^han Nations : Trade and traffique is decayed, wars ^h and bloud hath seldome ceased, Subsidies and ^h taxes neuer so many, ^h discontented minds innu-^hmerable ; all which your Maiesties princely con-^hniuenie to your humble Suppliants, the afflicted

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that time freed from the danger of Papists, search the *French Chronicles*, and you shall finde the contrarie. 1 None (or very few) discontented but Papists, whose heads do alwayes ake but when they are working of treasons, and draw-^hing of others into the same state of discontentment with them.

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Catholikes, will easily redresse, especially at your Highnesse ingresse. *Si loquaris ad eos verba lenia, erunt tibi serui cunctis diebus*, said the sage Counsellors of Salomon to Rehoboam. For enlargement af-

m The Pa-
pists haue
caused
more
stormes &
tempests to
arise in this
land, then
all other
Sects be-
sides that
they can
inuent
names for.
Who but
Papistes
fought
meanes to
induce the
late Earle
of Essex (if
he would
haue bene
a traytour
to his
Prince) to
be a Pen-
cioner for
the King
of Spaine?
Earle of
Essex his

ter affliction resembleth a pleasant gale after a ve-
hement m tempest: and a benefit in distresse dou-
bleth the value thereof. 5. How gratefull will it
be to all Catholike Princes abroad, and honoura-
ble to your Maiestie, to vnderstand how Queene
Elizabeths a seueritie is changed into your royall
clemencie: and that the lenitie of a man reedified
that which the misinformed anger of a woman
destroyed: That the Lion rampant is passant,
whereas the passant had bene rampant? How
acceptable shall all your subiects be to all Catho-
like countries, who are now almost abhorred of
all, when they shall perceiue your Highnesse pre-
pareth not pikes and prisons for the professours of
their faith, but permitteth them Temples and
o Altars for the vse of their Religion? Then shall
we see with our eyes, and touch with our fingers
that happie benediction of *Esay* in this land, that
swords are changed into ploughs, and launces in-
to sitches. And all Nations admiring vs will say,
Hi sunt semen cui benedixit Dominus. Wee re-
quest no more fauour at your Graces hands, then
that

owne Apologie. Yet had they vnder-hand acquainted therewith the late Lord
Treasurer Sir William Cecil, insomuch that if the Earle had consented vnto
them, presently had he bene entrapped. *Watson* the Priest in his booke of *Quod
dubium*. n A manifest slander of hir Maiestie, for she was farre more mercifull vn-
to them then euer they deserved. Nay the Priests themselves in their own bookes
acknowledge the iustice of hir Maiesties lawes against them. o To offer sacri-
fice vpon vnto their Popish Idols.

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that wee may securely professe that Catholike religion, which all your happy Predecessours professed, from *Donaldus* the first conuerted, vnto your Maiesties peerelesse Mother last martyred. 6. A Religion venerable for ^p antiquitie, maiesticall for ^p D. Suf-
amplitude, constant for continuance, irreprehen-
sible for doctrine, inducing to all kinde of vertue ^{cliffe in his}
and pietie, disswading from all sinne and wicked-
nesse. A Religion beloued by all primitiue Pa-
stours, established by all Oecumenicall Councils, ^{challenge}
vpheld by all ancient Doctors, maintained by the ^{vnto N. D.}
first and most Christian Emperours, recorded al-
most alone in all Ecclesiasticall Histories, sealed
with the bloud of millions of Martyrs, adorned
with the vertues of so many Confessors, beauti-
fied with the puritie of thousands of Virgines, so
conformable to ^q naturall sence and reason, and fi-
nally so agreeable to the sacred text of Gods word
and Gospell. The free vse of this Religion we re-
quest, if not in publike Churches, at least in pri-
uate houses; if not with approbation, yet with
toleration, without molestation. 7. Assure your
Grace that howsoever some Protestants or Puri-
tanes, incited by morall honestie of life, or innated
instinct of nature, or for feare of some temporall
punishment, pretend obedience vnto your High-
nesse lawes; yet certainly the onely ^r Catholikes
for conscience sake obserue them. For they de-
fending that ^r Princes precepts and statutes oblige
no subject vnder the penaltie of sinne, will little

^p D. Suf-
cliffe in his
challenge
vnto N. D.
hath proo-
ued the
contrarie,
chap. the 2.
page 27.

^q Therein
I thinke
they speake
more truly
then they
are aware
of.

^r Are the
chiefest
stirrers vn-
to rebelli-
on in all
Christian
common-
wealths.

^r A meere
vntrueth,
for no Pro-
testants
maintaine
any such
position.

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care in conscience to transgresse them which principally are tormented with the guilt of sinne. But Catholikes confessing merite in obeying, and demerite in transgressing, cannot but in soule be grievously tortured, at the least preuarcation thereof. Wherefore most mercifull Soueraigne, wee your long afflicted subiects, in all dutifull submission, protest before the Maiestie of God and all his holie Angels, as loyall obedience, and as immaculate allegiance vnto your Grace, as euer did faithfull subiects in *England* or *Scotland* vnto your Highnesse Progenitours; and intend as sincere with our goods and liues to ^eserue you, as euer did the loyallest Israelites King *Dauid*, or the trustie legions the *Romane* Emperours. And thus expecting your Maiesties customarie fauour and gracious bountie, we rest your deuoted Suppliants to him whose hands do manage the hearts of Kings, and with reciprocate mercie will requite the mercifull.

As long
as your
Maiestie
will serue
their purposes,
but
no longer.

Let them all, oh Lord, if it be thy will, be conuerted,
and agree with vs in one truth, Amen.

Your sacred Maiesties most
deuoted Seruants,



The Catholikes of
England.